



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD**
c/o DCRA– 1100 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Plumbing Code

SECTION NO. 410.3

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. PC-M-4-3-13

PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Mechanical TAG CHAIR: Lourenco PHONE: 202-966-0042 E-mail: al@lourenconsult.com

DATES OF PROPOSAL: 5/22/12

CCCCB PRESENTATION: 6.1.12

CCCCB APPROVAL: 6.13.12

CHECK ONE

☒ *Revise section to read as follows:*

☐ *Delete section and substitute the following:*

☐ *Add new section to read as follows:*

☐ *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

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Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

☐ *Increase*

☐ *Decrease*

☒ *Negligible*

☐ *Unknown*

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling to

Per 1,000SF of commercial building to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

☐ To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.

☒ To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute

☐ For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes

☐ Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia

☐ Correction of errors and omissions

☐ Other (explain)

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To allow small stores and shops, with a floor area of 1,500 SF or less, to provide a water cooler or bottled water in lieu of drinking fountains, a much more onerous requirement in terms of equipment and installation costs and floor space requirements.

It was deemed an unfair burden to impose the same requirement on a 1,500 SF storefront clothing store or flower shop, as on a 30,000 SF Department Store or a 10,000 SF flower shop.

SECTION 410 DRINKING FOUNTAINS

Strike Section 410.3 of the International Plumbing Code in its entirety and insert new Section 410.3 to the Plumbing Code in its place to read as follows:

410.3 Substitution. Where restaurants provide drinking water in a container free of charge, drinking fountains shall not be required in those restaurants. In establishments of occupancies B or M, with an area of 1,500 square feet (139.4 m²) or less, a water cooler or a bottled water dispenser shall be permitted to be substituted for the required drinking fountains. In other occupancies, including B or M occupancies with an area of more than 1,500 square feet (139.4 m²), water coolers or bottled water dispensers shall be permitted to be substituted for not more than 50 percent of the required number of drinking fountains.